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11. (SBU) On November 9, EmbOff delivered to Simona Rogl, Head of the Ministry of Agriculture's Unit for EU Coordination and International Affairs, the reftel's talking points urging Slovenia to work cooperatively with EU Member States to address situations which result in Member State bans on biotech products and lead to undue delay in the EU regulatory system. Rogl told EmbOff on November 14 that the GOS appreciated receiving the U.S. views on this issue but was unable to provide an official response at this time. The Embassy will pass along any additional information it receives from the GOS on this matter. Slovenia usually has not adopted very forward-leaning positions on agricultural biotech issues. COLEMAN